

## RANDOLPH

Madam Sopha Webb, who reached her 101st year last September, died recently after failing preceptibly for the last few days. It had been noticed that she failed mentally, but her strength had kept up remarkably till within a few days. Her long life has been a very remarkable one, and her last days were passed quietly in the home of her son, Lucius Webb, where her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Vinton, attended her every wish. Deceased is survived by two sons, Lucius Webb, and Charles Webb, who resides in California, and two daughters, Mrs. Love Braley of Crookston, Minn., and Mrs. Vinton, with whom she was at the time of her death. The funeral will be held from the home at 11 o'clock on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Blanchard left on Friday for Boston, where the former went to attend some dental banquet soon to be held in the city.

Mrs. Flora Chase, who has been with Mrs. E. O. Blanchard for a few days, went on Friday to Bethel, where she is to stay with friends for a time.

Mrs. Minnie Miller, who has been in Waterbury, Conn., for several weeks, returned home the first of the week and the next day was summoned to Waterbury by the critical illness of her brother-in-law.

Charles Rabby, who has been at the sanatorium for treatment, died on Friday from the effects of Bright's disease. Mr. Rabby was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rabby of School street.

Miss Edna Moore has been very ill with quinsy sore throat for the last few days.

A son, Drexel Chambers, was born Jan. 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur James Gordon of North Randolph.

John Washburn, who has been in town several days visiting friends, has returned to his home in Cambridge.

Mrs. W. B. Viall and Mrs. E. D. Strong have closed their house here and gone to Daytona, Fla., for the winter.

Carlton Jones has been in Proctorville and before his return will also visit friends in Rutland.

Mrs. C. A. Mosher, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Wilson, since June, has gone to Westford, N. J., to pass the winter.

Rev. E. W. Sharpe of Brattleboro was in town Friday, the guest of Rev. S. C. Sutor.

Marion Sargent and Mrs. Hattie Butterfield, both of this place, were married at Windsor Jan. 5 by Rev. C. H. Waldron, the Baptist minister of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Owen have purchased the small house of Mrs. W. P. Flint on Park street, in which they have been living for a time, and Mr. Owen has entered the employ of the Salisbury furniture company.

Miss Leila Marshall of Waitsfield, who formerly worked for Mrs. J. F. Tewksbury in this place, has a position in Burlington in the Abernethy store in the military department, where she began her work last week.

## WOODBURY

Reginald Raycraft and Charles Pierce of Barre were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Raycraft.

Alfred Hatch of Calais visited his son, Gaylord Hatch, one day recently.

Royal St. Claire of Barre was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mildred Miles returned home Saturday after a two weeks' visit with Miss Alice Ross.

Oma Thomas is confined to the house with mumps.

Rev. O. L. Barnard left Monday for a two weeks' stay at Bromfield.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Morse and daughter of Hardwick visited Mr. Morse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morse, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien of Cabot were in town Friday.

Mrs. Belle Daniels of Maple corner is stopping for a time with Mrs. H. E. Webber.

Mrs. N. A. Ross returned Friday from a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Albion Michael, in Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dana were in Cabot Friday.

Miss Cora Thomas was a week-end guest of her teacher, Miss Mayme Smith, in Hardwick.

## NORWICH UNIVERSITY.

Memorial Service Was Held To-day in Memory of Dewey.

At 11:15 o'clock this morning, simultaneously with the service at Washington, Norwich university at Northfield held a short memorial service for the late Admiral Dewey. The services were held in Dewey hall (named for the admiral) and were simple in character. There was prayer by the university chaplain, songs by the cadet corps and an address by the Hon. Frank Plumley of Northfield.

The admiral is an alumnus of Norwich university and it is especially fitting that the university should do him honor. He entered the university in 1851 and remained until 1854, when he received an appointment for Annapolis, entering that institution in September, 1854. At the time that Dewey was a cadet at Norwich the institution was at Norwich, Vermont; and it is reported that young Dewey used to take a prominent part in the bridge fights between the cadets and the students of Dartmouth, who were just across the Connecticut river at Hanover.

At a meeting of the Political Science club at Norwich university a short time ago all present declared themselves in favor of universal military training. The men were somewhat divided as to the value of such training in high schools and the amount of credit for training at military schools and colleges; but the universal opinion was that universal military training was the only right kind of preparation and must come sooner or later.

Would Bring Them to Terms. Little Gertrude had been very naughty and had been severely slapped, first by the nurse and then by mother, with a promise of another dose from father when he came home.

She sat on the floor, her eyes filled with angry tears. Suddenly she rose with a determined look upon her little face, and seized her hat.

"Where are you going?" asked her mother.

"Out to tell all the family secrets to the neighbors," said the child firmly.

## His Conundrum.

"Angeline, my angel, can you tell me why your eyes are like you and me?" was the query put in one love letter.

The reply—No, Angeline, I can't. Tell me, Oh, tell me why they are thus." In the following letter came the answer: "Because they correspond but never meet."

## GROTON

W. G. Welch returned Thursday from Burlington, where he went Wednesday for medical treatment.

M. E. Beckley was at Wells River yesterday to attend a public service commission meeting.

Mrs. Jessie Corwin of Bradford is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darling for a week.

Rev. F. W. Lewis was in Montpelier yesterday.

W. R. Carbee was in Wells River Thursday on business.

Charles A. Adams has gone to Boston, where he has employment with the National Casket Co.

Mrs. Harry Crown underwent an operation at Cottage hospital, Woodsville, N. H., the first of the week. Her condition is reported to be favorable.

R. E. Pillsbury returned Tuesday from a visit in Montpelier.

A. S. Clark was a recent visitor in West Topsham.

Miss Davis, the trained nurse who has been caring for D. N. McKay during his long illness, has finished her work there and is visiting Mrs. N. R. Caldwell.

The young horse of Alonzo Fisk of Topsham became frightened at the steam at the Groton Manufacturing company's plant recently, ran into the iron bridge, damaging the sleigh and harness so badly that another outfit had to be secured before Mr. Fisk could return home.

It is expected the village school will open Jan. 29.

P. A. Smith returned Wednesday morning from his 10 days' business trip to Boston and New York.

Mrs. H. M. Ricker, wife of our representative, and sons, Milton and Raymond, were visitors in the Capital city Thursday. Other visitors there from Groton the same day were Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Eastman, Mrs. E. J. Clark, Mrs. M. D. Coffin, C. H. Hendry and son, Harvey, M. E. Beckley and H. T. Morrison.

The annual meeting, dinner and roll-call of the Baptist church will be held at the church Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10 a. m. All members of the church and regular attendants are invited.

## BETHEL

Winfield Hackett and Ivan Hackett, who had made their home at W. H. Smith's, are in Bethel with an aunt and soon will go to live with their father, Will Hackett, at Lacombe, N. H.

Miss Mildred Persons went to-day to spend two weeks with her sister and aunts in Boston.

Miss Marjorie Forbes of Rochester, N. H., is a guest at Mrs. Alice Bartlett's.

Robert Middleton is again at work after a week's illness with grip. His wife and daughter, Eva, also have been ill.

Melvin Cox is building a barn in connection with his new residence on Pleasant street.

Edwin H. McIntyre has been elected a member of the debating club at Worcester, Mass., academy. Membership is limited to 30 and is considered a mark of proficiency in study. He is a graduate of Whitcomb high school, 1915, and is taking a college preparatory course at Worcester.

Mrs. Giacomo Tancredi is at Dr. O. V. Greene's sanatorium for treatment. Miss Marion Bullard is head nurse at the sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morse are spending the winter in Randolph and will occupy their cottage in the spring.

South Woodbury

L. J. Benjamin was a business visitor in Montpelier one day last week.

Levi Wheeler has gone to Claremont, N. H., where he expects to find employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McKinstry are visitors at Morton McKinstry's.

Dr. G. G. Hall returned to Montpelier Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hall, who spent the week with him.

The many friends of Mrs. J. C. Brown will be glad to learn that relatives have received word that she is critically ill at her home in Fitchburg, Mass. But little hope is entertained of her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Daniels went to Barre Tuesday, where they will visit relatives for a few days.

Waitfield

Miss Jessica Joslyn returned Thursday from visiting her brother, Earl Joslyn, in Essex.

Mrs. George Pierce has been spending several days at her son's, V. E. Pierce, in South Fayston.

Card of Thanks.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren J. Howard wish to thank all who so kindly rendered efficient help in extinguishing the fire in their house. They would especially thank the fire department, telephone girls, friends and neighbors and high school boys.

Church Notices.

Congregational church—William A. Remple, pastor. 10:45, morning service; sermon by pastor. 12 m., Sunday school in all departments. 7:30 p. m., C. E. meeting, subject, "Seeing the Good in Others"; leaders, associate members.

Methodist Episcopal church—10:45, morning service; sermon by pastor. 12 m., Sunday school. 7:30 p. m., Epworth league; subject, "Star Christians." Daniel 12:3, John 15:8-16, Matt. 13:43; leader, Mrs. Ruth Martin.

East Bethel

Clarence Churchill and family from Royallton have moved into Miss Della Page's house. Mr. Churchill will work for William Wright.

Mrs. Harry Turner has gone to Springfield to be with her husband, who is employed there. Dana Greene has moved to the Turner tenement, to be near his work at the creamery.

Mrs. Carlton Stevens and daughter, Lina, of Tunbridge, were guests of Mrs. H. V. Allen Thursday.

Miss Mary Hayes went to Stratford Wednesday to attend the funeral of her grandfather, William Hayes.

H. V. Allen made a business trip to Randolph Thursday.

Chester Brown is ill.

Granville

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gay visited in Barre and Plainfield last week.

Henry Powers is working in Hancock. Mrs. Auslin came from Barre last week to spend the rest of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Will Gay.

E. L. Base of Bethel is in town on business.

## POTATO DISEASES.

Show Tendency to Spread in Various Parts of Country.

Potato diseases, which are showing a tendency to become established or to spread in various parts of the country, can best be controlled in most cases through the adoption by farmers of the seed-bred method of control, according to Dr. H. A. Edson, truck-crop disease specialist of the U. S. department of agriculture. In discussing the potato disease situation and possible control measures in a recent address, Dr. Edson said:

"A disease of the potato which is making its appearance in several sections of the country is the one designated by Orton as streak. The cause of this disease is unknown. It is characterized by the appearance of angular spots on the leaves, which have a tendency to run down the veins through the stems of the leaflets to the main petiole, or leafstalk, producing a streaked appearance. The affected portions of the plant wither and die, the leaflets break over at the axils of the leaves—that is, their junction in a recent address, Dr. Edson said:

Heavy Loss from Mosaic.

"Mosaic is assuming great importance as a potato disease in certain sections of the country. It is characterized by a mottling in the green of the leaves, sometimes accompanied also by a crinkling but not a rolling of the foliage. The disease should not be confused with the uneven yellowing which results from the application of excessive water in irrigated regions nor with the somewhat different yellowing and rolling associated with excessive alkali content in soils, nor should it be confused with the condition of partial absence of coloring matter, possibly chimera, seen occasionally in fields, more particularly in certain sections of the west. The cause of mosaic has never been determined, but it is known that the disease is reproduced when tubers from affected plants are used for seed. The experimental data, which have been secured both in the United States and abroad show that the yield from mosaic plants is less than that from healthy plants of the same variety grown under the same conditions or in the same field. The average reduction in yield in trials made by the department with various varieties and in several different sections of the country is approximately 30 per cent. Roguing out affected plants in the seed plot affords a practical method of preventing complete control of the trouble."

"The late blight of the potato caused by Phytophthora infestans and the rot of tubers which follows in the winter are too well known to call for description. It has recently been shown, however, that the planting of tubers affected with Phytophthora decay affords a means for infection of the growing crop. The development of the disease, however, is entirely dependent upon weather conditions. In dry seasons one may plant affected tubers without incurring the development of the late blight, but it has been shown that the original infections follow up the stems from the seed tubers if the weather conditions are favorable to the development of the fungus. It is, therefore, advisable to avoid infected seed when possible in addition to employing the usual control by Bordeaux mixture, which is a well-known established practice."

"Recent studies upon the powdery scab have demonstrated the fact that this disease is less serious in its character in the United States than was at first feared. It is apparently unable to survive except in the more northern sections of the country, and the damage done there, in many years, not serious. The disease is correlated with heavy, rather wet soils, or more particularly with subsoils of this character. The damage done is to a large extent dependent upon weather conditions even in these unfavorable types of soil."

His Wife Made Him Make Good.

In the January American Magazine a writer who believes that married men are more successful than bachelors, says:

"It was a big and quick rise for Billy Matthews. Yet it was not until he married the up-river girl that his real success came. He had been holding down the city editorship for five years and then had just passed his thirtieth birthday. But after that he began to climb. And he never stopped until he was head and front of all the works. His salary was only a drop in the bucket so far as income was concerned. Opportunity after opportunity came to him for profit in side lines. He became a rich man. And then he did some thing which gave him the supreme satisfaction of his career. He returned to the city that had witnessed his youthful failure, and he bought the newspaper on which he started, and from which, for alleged incompetency, he had been discharged."

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## Letters of the Courting Period

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

Why it is that a pair of lovers will change their opinion of each other so often, dropping from an infinite height to an infinite depth and rising from a profaned depth to a heavenly height. Is one of the many mysteries of love. Ovid wrote of the art of love. He had better have written of the chaos of love. Here are some letters written by one of my grandfathers and one of my grandmothers when they were courting. The first is from grandpa. Just listen to it:

Dearest, Sweetest Matilda—I have but just come to my room from hearing you say that you would be mine, but I cannot refrain from writing you how happy you have made me. I have met many girls, but you are the only angel among them. I am awestruck when I think of my having secured such a prize. I only fear that when you find out how unworthy I am you will cast me off.

My grandfather was in such a flutter that ten minutes after he had left my grandmother to continue on paper the twaddle he had lavished on her in speech he was in his room writing the above effusion. It would seem that these young lovers never can break the steady flow of love that pours from their hearts, and if they succeed in doing so they must needs repair the break in some other form as quickly as they can get an opportunity.

And what possessed the man possessed the woman. Scarcely had grandfather left his mate than she rushed to her scribbler, and sitting down, took pen and paper and continued her own heart outpouring in the following note:

Dearest—I know that I am foolish, but I cannot—though you have not been gone five minutes—refrain from telling you how infinitely happy you have made me by the honor you have done me. To be loved by such a man is simply ecstasy. How honorable you have been in refraining from telling me you loved me before speaking to papa!

Of course I can't give what must have taken hours to write. Besides, what would be the use? It is all on the same high C key. If he was writing to an angel she was writing to a god. Let us see how the mercury dropped after the first spat:

Dear Miss Marshall—I must say I was surprised at your action this evening. I supposed you were above treating even a commoner, to say nothing of a gentleman, as you treated me. Do you consider what I did to you? I confess that if my father had a kitchen maid who would act toward me as you have done I should insist on her discharge.

Note the rapid fall from angel to kitchen maid. And the old dufer—I forgot; my grandfather was then young—considered himself a gentleman. A gentleman to compare his best girl to a kitchen maid! But his act is nothing to compare with hers. It takes a woman to express her opinion of a man when she's mad!

Mr. Winchell—I thought you were a gentleman. That illusion is gone forever. You will always hereafter be classed with those young men who, having been brought up in the backwoods, have not learned how to treat a lady. Since I don't consider you worthy to enter my house I beg that you will never again do so. Should you persecute me with your attentions I shall inform my brother in the evening after dinner I will let you loose. His teeth are very sharp.

Noting the date of this letter, I find that a reconciliation was expected the day it was written. At any rate, here are two letters, the first from grandpa, bearing the same date as the last quoted:

Dearest—Thank heaven it's all explained! I will call at half past 8 to take the noblest woman in the world in my arms and give her a million kisses!

The dog that was to have been let loose seems to have lost his terror. This is her reply:

Oh, my darling, now immeasurably happy I am that this horrid nightmare is over! And to think that it should have been about so trifling a matter as your criticizing the buckles on my shoes! Do come earlier than half past 8. We shall be through dinner by half past 8, and how can I wait a whole hour for you?

For a fortnight after this the waters were untrodden; then came a flash of lightning out of a clear sky. Its violence marks it for the lady's:

Sir—Return with this, by our negro boy Sam, your ring. Considering who gave it to me, he is more than a worthy messenger. I would express a hope that you would be happy with another girl if I did not feel sure you would lead any woman a horrible life. Return my letters at once by bearer.

His reply:

I will return your letters when you have returned mine. Respectfully yours, etc.

This doesn't sound so bad as comparing his angel to a housemaid, but it is really worse. He intimates that he can't trust her to return his letters, she having recovered her own, and that she is liable to use them to his discredit. There's no further record about this return of letters. Quite a gap ensues, during which they were doubtless so much together that they had no use for pens. The next correspondence is but a few days before their marriage. This is from grandpa:

My Angel—I can hardly realize that on Thursday next I shall call you wife. What a lovely, holy situation—no separation till the death of one of us! The word death in this connection frightens me. What can I ever do without you? But away with gloom when heaven is so near!

Here is grandma writing:

Light of My Life—Isn't it lovely to think that after next Thursday we shall be together continuously? My wedding dress is over! I tried it on today and was charmed with it. I am sure you will be charmed with it too. Everything is ready. The time passes slowly.

A letter written six months later is very different. Indeed, only the most commonplace topics are mentioned.

Copper in 1915.

The annual statement on copper for the year 1915 is now available for distribution by the United States geological survey, department of the interior. A map of the United States showing location of copper-producing districts and of reduction plants in 1915 accompanies this report.

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Free sample. I found great relief so I bought more and in a short time I was completely healed." (Signed) Robert Cooper, Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., July 23, 1915.

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## CURRENT COMMENT

Admiral George Dewey.

The country is no longer in the mood that led the enthusiastic to say that the battle of Manila was the greatest naval engagement since Trafalgar. The forces that met were small. It marked no turning point of history. It brought no advantage to this country, for on balance, even on the military side, the possession of the Philippines is a liability, not an asset. We are there as trustees for the Filipinos—because it is honestly believed that the islands would become a prey to civilization-destroying anarchy should we evacuate. When the evidence supports the contention that the peoples of the islands are able to sustain an orderly government America will gladly retire.

Yet small things may be done greatly, and it is not open to question that Admiral Dewey and the officers and men under his command won their victory in grand manner. When the squadron put out from Hongkong to attack, with no base for refueling should it come to grief, it did not know how easy would be its triumph. When it steamed by Corregidor and sought the Spanish fleet, which lay under the protection of land batteries within inclosed waters, it acted in the spirit of Nelson and Farragut. To Admiral Dewey is due the credit of having made the intrepid decision. He judged quickly, and the event showed that he judged accurately. Here was the stuff of a great commander—the grand-like quality of looking at a problem simply. May our navy be fortunate enough always to have Deweys in places of responsibility in times of crisis.

Prior to May 1, 1898, vessels of a modern type had not been in action. There was much theory but no practice. No one knew how the new guns would work or had verified by experiment the validity of the new naval tactics. Thus Admiral Dewey was a pioneer, and his handling of his vessels furnished instruction for the world.

Doubts were strong 10 years ago, as they are now, as to whether the American naval establishment was efficient. Magazine writers, according to the habit of the class, were persuaded that our ships had only decorative value. But 10 minutes after Admiral Dewey had calmly uttered the famous words, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," it was manifest that the muck-rakers were wrong and that our present experts had no basis for their pessimism. At Manila bay the Olympia and her sister ships were what would now be regarded as toys. Judged by present day standards, their sides were of paper and their guns merely popping weapons, but they sufficed for the work they were called on to do. Montojo's vessels were of 1888, while ours were of 1898, and the result was never in doubt. The lesson was that nothing becomes more quickly archaic than warships; a lesson that is only beginning once more to be impressed on Congress.

Besides being a man of professional competency Admiral Dewey was of the best type of American gentleman. Simple, kindly, courteous, and democratic, he was greatly beloved both within and without the service. Until his final days, as head of the general board of the navy, he exemplified the American ideal that work is honorable and satisfying. Moving about Washington without fuss or feathers, he dignified American life and set an example of merit and aggressive pride that it is to be hoped will always be associated with the American character.—New York Globe.

## An Unfortunate Controversy.

The entire controversy within Republican national committee ranks is regrettable. What is pre-eminently needed to repair the situation produced by the defeat of last November is a genuine spirit of co-operation on the part of the leaders of both factions in the party. It is evident that this spirit thus far is lacking and unless it speedily manifests itself irreparable damage will be done. At this distance it is difficult to accurately determine the merits of the controversy.

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